

If a large company like Sinclair can force stations to air certain shows at certain times, this is a threat to democracy. Authority to control information that reaches main stream America should not be given to just a few large companies. If there are only a few large companies in control of our airways, they will have the ability to sway opinions of a large majority of this country of by airing shows that are politically motivated.

Local stations are more in touch with local issues and local stations are less likely to have political motivations in order to help them reach their bottom line. The FCC should be supporting having many stations that offer information to the public so that many viewpoints are presented and Americans can make informed decisions.

The decision Sinclair has made to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Media ownership rules need to be strengthened, not weakened. The license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.